

June 11, 2015

Zoning Committee Public Hearing
Public Hearing
Darvid Potz

This public hearing was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Zoning Committee Member Rob Milburn will be standing in for Chairman Bob Schneider who is not in attendance here today. This hearing has been posted and published as is required by Wis. Stats and LdF Zoning Ordinance 93-4.

Introductions were made. Zoning Committee members present were: Rob Milburn, standing in for Chairman Bob Schneider, Janet Konopacki and Darwin Lohse. Also present representing the Town is Sue Ackland, Town Zoning Administrator and Teri Shaw, Zoning Committee Secretary.

Also present at this time is Darvid Potz.

Mr. Potz has turned in 16 green cards today and 1 was returned undeliverable.

On today's agenda is the request from Mr. Potz to allow tree cutting in an R-1 district which might be objectionable to neighbors.

The committee has viewed the property and asked Mr. Potz what the proposed plan was.

Mr. Potz: Basically what I propose to do is a minor thinning out of the popple, birch and a few pine trees off of this 13 acre site. Nothing will be cut close to the lake. It will be a fairly minor thinning out only. I have a lot of dead/dying birch and popple trees. This should have been done 20 years ago.

Janet Konopacki asked if there had been any phone calls or written correspondence in regards to this proposed cutting.

Sue Ackland stated that she received one phone call from a resident living on Fence Lake to discuss what and where the cut would take place. After talking to her they were no longer concerned about the harvest.

For the record, there was no other correspondence either written or verbal received.

Rob Milburn, standing in for Chairman Bob Schneider, asked if there were any dwellings on the property.

Mr. Potz: No livable dwelling, just a garage.

Rob Milburn asked who would be determining which trees would be cut.

Mr. Potz stated that he would be making that determination.

Discussion took place on what trees that Mr. Potz thought would be taken and approximately the amount.

Mr. Potz: Basically I am just thinning out the dead/dying/fallen trees, trees that should have been removed years ago. I am not going to clear cut any area on the property.

Discussion took place on what would be considered dead/dying trees, the average life span of birch and popple and the amount of trees already dead/dying/ fallen on the property at this time.

Sue Ackland stated that by getting rid of the popple, the other trees will have a better chance to survive and thrive.

Rob Milburn asked what was going to be done with the left over "slash" from the harvest. He stated that he was concerned with having large piles of "slash" left all over creating a fire hazard as well as an eye sore.

Sue Ackland: For any tree harvest the DNR requires that a maximum of only 2' to 3' – no higher - left over "slash" piles are to be left remaining on site after the harvest is completed.

Discussion took place about DNR requirements and best management practices.

It was noted at this time that Jerry Litvinoff would be doing the actual cutting and removal of the trees.

Discussion took place on the location of the access driveway for the property.

Janet Konopacki asked if there would be a buffer left along the lot lines and road.

Mr. Potz: Again, nothing is going to be clear cut, just a minor thinning out. You will not even know there has been a harvest done.

Sue Ackland stated that one condition should be made that there will not be any tree cutting within 75' of the lake. Because this parcel is zoned R-1 and this is stipulated in the Lac du Flambeau Zoning Ordinance.

Rob Milburn standing in as Chairman asked if the Committee had any further questions and/or concerns. Hearing none, asked if anyone would like to make a recommendation at this time.

Janet Konopacki: I propose that we approve this CUP as presented today with the condition that since this property is Zoned R-1, there will be no tree cutting within 75' of the lake as stipulated in the Lac du Flambeau Zoning Ordinance.

Darwin Lohse: I second this recommendation.

Rob Milburn asked may I have a vote.

Janet Konopacki: In favor.

Darwin Lohse: In favor.

Rob Milburn: In favor.

Rob Milburn: All in favor, passed with the following condition to be met.

1. That since the property is zoned R-1, there will be no tree cutting within 75' of the lake as stipulated in the Lac du Flambeau Zoning Ordinance.

Rob Milburn: May I have a motion to adjourn?

Janet Konopacki: I make the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Darwin Lohse: I second the motion.

This meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Shaw
Secretary Zoning Committee

THERE IS A TAPE RECORDING OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING ON FILE AT THE TOWN OF LAC DU FLAMBEAU OFFICES.